

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the above-identified application are respectfully requested. Claims 1, 2 and 4-7 are now pending, wherein claims 1, 2 and 5 have been amended, claim 3 has been canceled and claims 6 and 7 have been added. Claims 1 and 4 have been amended to more closely conform with U.S. Patent Practice. It is respectfully submitted that the amendments to claims 1 and 4 are formal in nature and are not limiting amendments.

Initially, Applicants note with appreciation the Examiner's indication that claim 1 has been allowed and that claim 3 includes allowable subject matter. It is respectfully submitted that the amendments to claim 1 should not affect the allowability of this claim.

Claims 2 and 4 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,661,472 to Shintani et al. ("Shintani"). Claim 5 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious in view of the combination of Shintani and U.S. Patent No. 6,598,233 to Choi ("Choi"). These grounds of rejection are respectfully traversed.

Claim 2 has been amended to include the subject matter of claim 3. This subject matter has been indicated by the Office Action as being allowable. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that Shintani does not disclose that "the control unit, when receiving an instruction by the predetermined operation key

without inputting the main channel number by the numerical-value input keys while the broadcasting receiver is receiving the broadcast, fixes the main channel being currently received, and waits for the sub-channel number input, and then fixes the sub-channel of the number of the numerical value inputted by the numerical-value input keys” as now recited in amended claim 2.

Claims 4 and 5 depend from claim 2, and are allowable at least by virtue of their dependency from claim 2.

For at least those reasons stated above, it is respectfully requested that rejections of claims 2, 4 and 5 be withdrawn.

New claim 6 recites a method with similar elements to those indicated as allowable in claims 1 and 3. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that new claim 6 is allowable over the current grounds of rejection. New claim 7 is allowable by virtue of its dependency from new claim 6.

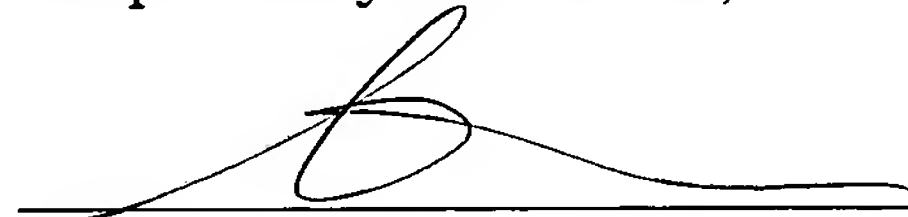
All outstanding objections and rejections having been addressed, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance. Notice to this effect is earnestly solicited. If there are any questions regarding this amendment or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

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If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response, and please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket #010482.50896).

Respectfully submitted,

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